

***Oak Woodlands Conservation
Act of 2001
Program Application Package***

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Part I

Grantee and Landowner Information

Name of Applicant: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Manager: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: () Fax Number ()

Email Address:

Tax Payer ID Number: _____

Landowner Information

Name of Landowner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: () Fax Number ()

Email Address:

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Project Location (County, nearest City and major crossroads): _____

Part II

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

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CERTIFICATIONS

Required Attachments

Complete applications must contain the following attachments to facilitate the review of the grant request. Applications that do not contain the required attachments will be returned to the applicant.

1. Required resolution or Oak Woodlands Management Plan adopted by the city or county whose jurisdiction the project falls under. If project falls within the jurisdiction of more than one city or county, each city or county must adopt and submit a copy of the resolution or Oak Woodlands Management Plan.
2. Project location map (regional and site specific).
3. Identification and location of project site within the Oak Woodland Section.
4. Six color, 4 x 5 photographs of the project area.
5. Acquisition map showing exterior boundaries and parcel numbers (acquisition projects only).
6. Topographic map of property highlighting oak woodlands and associated habitat.
7. Name and mailing address of all adjacent landowners.
8. Restoration Plan (restoration projects only).
9. Applicable management plans.

Required Certifications

Complete applications must contain the following certifications as required by the Oak Woodlands Conservation Act. Applications that do not contain the required certifications will be returned to the applicant.

1. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1363 (d) (1), the grantee or holder of the conservation easement hereby certifies to review, on an annual basis, the conservation easement conditions have been met for that year. The grantee or holder of the conservation easement further agrees to notify the WCB that said review was performed and provide a brief summary of the review.

Certification: _____ Date: _____

2. Pursuant to the requirement of Section 1366 (b), we, the project applicant and the landowner, hereby certify the conservation easement, restoration project or long term lease is not required to satisfy a condition imposed upon the landowner by any lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use issued by one or more public agencies, including but not limited to, the mitigation of significant effects on the environment of a project pursuant to an approved environmental impact report or to mitigate a negative declaration required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Applicant Certification:

_____ Date: _____

Landowner Certification:

_____ Date: _____

3. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1366 (f), the county or city hereby certifies that the project submitted for consideration by the Wildlife Conservation Board is consistent with the Oak Woodlands Management Plan of the county or city whose jurisdiction in which the project is located. If the project is in the jurisdiction of more than one county or city, each county or city shall certify that the proposal is consistent with the Oak Woodlands Management Plan of each county or city.

Certification: _____ Date: _____

Certification: _____ Date _____

4. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1369, a city or county planning department that receives a grant from the Oak Woodlands Conservation Program is required to report to the city council or board of supervisors on the use of those grant funds within one year from the date the grant was awarded. Accordingly, the planning department hereby certifies to report to their local governing body and provide the Wildlife Conservation Board with notice as to when the reporting requirement will be calendared before the city council or the board of supervisors.

Certification: _____ Date: _____

5. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1368, the project applicant hereby certifies that eminent domain proceedings have not been utilized to acquire the conservation easement.

Certification: _____ Date: _____

Part III

Program Guidelines and Selection Criteria

To qualify for funding consideration for an easement acquisition, restoration, enhancement or long-term agreement, proposals should address the following criteria; and contain an implementation and management plan, if applicable. Applicants are encouraged to contact their Forestry Assistance Specialists or Unit Forester for assistance with the completion of this application.

For all projects describe your long-term goals and objectives for the property and please explain how this proposal will contribute toward those goals and objectives.

A. Criteria for Easement Acquisition, Restoration or Long-Term Agreement Projects

✓ **The project is of sufficient size to promote biological integrity and provide superior wildlife values.**

1. How many acres of oak woodland does the project conserve?
2. Describe other habitat types (for example, wetlands, riparian, grasslands, mixed conifer) found on the property and how the project will conserve perennial or seasonal creek frontage, if present.
3. Does the property meet multiple natural resource conservation objectives, including but not limited to, wetlands, riparian habitat and/or scenic open-space preservation? Please explain.
4. Please describe the aquatic, plant and wildlife species that benefit from your proposal or will benefit because of the restoration effort.
5. Does the property contain sufficient surface or ground water to sustain the goals and objectives of the restoration project? Please explain.

✓ **The project area contains oak woodlands and/or a diversity of oak classes that will promote the sustainability and perpetuation of oak woodlands.**

1. What oak species are present on the property? Describe the approximate size classes of oaks present on the property, i.e., presence of oak seedlings, young oak trees and older, mature oak trees and the approximate percentage of area occupied by such trees relative to the entire project area
2. If applicable, describe how the project will contribute toward the regeneration of oak woodlands on your property.
3. Please provide a topographic map or aerial photo showing distribution/location of other habitat types present on the property, i.e., wetlands, chaparral, mixed conifer, grasslands, etc. For additional information on habitat types, applicants are encouraged to visit the California Wildlife Habitat Relationship System habitat guide at <http://dfg.ca.gov/whdab/html/cwhr.html>

✓ **The property is adjacent to other protected areas and will contribute toward ease of wildlife movement across ownerships.**

1. Is the project area located adjacent to other protected property (e.g. State Parks, Wildlife Management Area, conservation easement)? Please indicate on a map the location of the project area in relation to other protected areas.
2. Describe the degree of similarity in habitat types and conditions across adjacent ownerships.

✓ **The project contributes toward regional or community goals, provides scenic open-space, protects historic or archeological values or contains unique geologic features.**

1. Describe how the project contributes toward a regional or community land use goals.
2. Describe the relationship of the project to any publicly protected open-space, viewshed or other habitat plan.

3. What historic or unique geological features are present on the property?

- ✓ **The property is a working landscape. The landowners have implemented or agree to implement, stewardship practices that recognize and incorporate the ecological requirements of oak woodlands and associated habitats, thus promoting the economic and resource sustainability of the farming and ranching operation.**

1. What stewardship practices has the landowner implemented (or agrees to implement) that makes the ranch operation unique and promotes the conservation and integrity of the oak woodlands located on the project area?
2. Please describe or attach pertinent sections of any ranch or other plan guiding the management of the property.

- ✓ **The project removes or reduces the threat of conversion to the oak woodland resource.**

1. Describe the project location relative to the nearest population center (name of town)?
2. What is the project's proximity to an urban sphere of influence?
3. Describe any the current and/or foreseeable potential land use threat to the property including but not limited to conversion to urban or the intensification of agriculture.
4. How is the property zoned?

✓ **The project has the potential to serve as a stewardship model for other landowners.**

1. Does the project provide an opportunity to work with contiguous properties and conserve oak woodlands? Please explain.
2. Does the project provide an opportunity to foster cooperation with local ranchers and other community organizations? Please explain.

✓ **In addition to the above criteria and questions, for all restoration and enhancement projects, please answer the following questions:**

1. Explain how the restoration project contributes toward sustaining oak communities that were historically present on your property. Include a description of the soil types.
2. What type of short and long-term management practices will be used to assure the success of the restoration project?

B. Criteria for Education and Outreach Projects

To qualify for funding consideration for a public education and outreach proposal, the project must be designed to address the following criteria:

- ✓ The project shall be designed to identify and communicate the social, economic, agricultural and biological benefits of conserving oak woodlands.
- ✓ The project shall be designed and targeted to reach the maximum number of local landowners that could benefit from public education and outreach efforts.
- ✓ The project shall be designed and implemented as a collective effort or partnership that, where appropriate, includes local entities such as; landowners, the resource conservation district, the California Fish and Game biologist, UCCE Farm Advisor, representatives from farming or ranching organizations and the county or city planning department.
- ✓ The project shall be designed to promote and encourage oak woodland conservation through voluntary approaches.
- ✓ The project shall provide sources of available financial and/or technical information to assist landowners conserve their oak woodlands.
- ✓ The project will identify measurable goals and objectives to evaluate the success of the project. For projects not completed within one year of the approval date, the proposal shall include specific interim deliverables or benchmarks and a timeline for completion.
- ✓ If requested by the WCB, project sponsors must be willing to make project information available online so that other project proponents may benefit from the education and outreach effort. Such information should not include private or proprietary information about private landowners or their operations.